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Campus Briefs

Child Development Center Enrollment
The Manchester Family Child Development Center is now accepting applications for fall, 1992. Please call the Center at ext. 4620 if you wish to have a registration form sent to you.

Catholic Perspectives Forum
The third Catholic Perspectives Forum will take place Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. The topic, “Academic Freedom and Religious Freedom,” will be presented by professor John H. Garvey of the University of Kentucky College of Law.

The forum is free and open to all employees and their families. For location information call Marcia Rathfon at ext. 4817.

Star Trek's George Takei To Headline “War on the Homefront”
Japanese-American actor George Takei will join a cast of local community leaders this month at a conference on America's domestic crises entitled “War on the Homefront.”

Takei will deliver a keynote address, “The Japanese-American Internment — 50 Years Later,” on Wednesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Hahn University Center.

Takei, who is best-known for his role as Mr. Sulu on “Star Trek,” spent part of his childhood in World War II internment camps for Japanese-Americans. His talk is free and open to all employees and their families.

“War On The Homefront” will continue Friday, May 1, with a series of nine separate workshops covering issues of domestic violence. The conference is being co-sponsored by the Social Issues Committee, the USD Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, United Way of San Diego, San Diego City Schools, the Ecumenical Council and the San Diego Police Department. For more information, call Barbara Peterson at ext. 4798.
Irvine Grant Plans for Employees

In September, USD received a $1 million grant from The James Irvine Foundation to help launch a campus-wide project entitled “Institutionalizing Cultural Diversity.”

That program not only focuses on students, but employees as well, says Dr. Judith Munoz, director of Human Resources. “Our goal for the program on the employee side is fairly simple,” she explains. “We want to increase cultural diversity in all levels throughout the university community.”

That means increasing diversity in administrative and faculty levels and in areas where people of color are currently underrepresented.

“Right now, the USD staff employee population reflects the population of San Diego County,” Dr. Munoz adds. “But our employees of color tend to be concentrated in a few areas — like Physical Plant and Dining Services. We hope to work toward changing that by the increased recruiting of underrepresented groups and the education of the USD community regarding cultural diversity issues.”

One step in employee education will be a series of day-long workshops led by the Anti-Defamation League of San Diego. Titled “A Campus of Difference,” the workshops aim to teach people to value, manage and celebrate diversity. “The workshops will allow employees to explore their feelings about diversity, and share their experiences,” Dr. Munoz explains.

All employees will be invited to attend one workshop. “We’ll be working with supervisors so that they understand how important this is for the employees. Taking the day to attend the seminar will be an option for everyone,” Dr. Munoz says.

Although the bulk of the workshops will take place during the next academic year, there is a workshop scheduled for May 5. Any employees interested in attending that

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Contreras Says Adios

By Jacqueline Genovese

When Raul Contreras retired March 31 after 33 years at USD, his friends and co-workers might not have been the only ones bidding the carpenter adieu.

The father of seven counts the Law Library and Copley Library as the two biggest projects of his tenure. "But I've worked all over campus, I have friends all over campus," he says with a smile.

The 62-year-old Contreras worked as a carpenter in Mexico building doors and coffins, and at a church in Chino, Calif., before coming to Alcalá Park in 1959. "I had a friend who worked here and liked it, and he told me about a gardener job," Contreras remembers. He worked for 12 years for the

Dón Raul se Despide

By Jacqueline Genovese

Dón Raul Contreras nos dice ADIÓS después de 33 años. Cuando Raul Contreras se jubilo el 31 de Marzo, después de 33 años en USD, sus amigos y compañeros de trabajo no fueron los únicos en decirle adiós.

Si las paredes hablaran, se hubieran oído tristes y melancólicas despedidas saliendo de las paredes de todo el centro universitario.

Padre de siete hijos platica que la biblioteca Copley y la biblioteca de Leyes fueron sus proyectos mas grandes durante su estancia en USD. "Pero he trabajado en toda la Universidad, y tengo amigos en toda la Universidad," nos dice con una sonrisa.

Dón Raul, de 62 años de edad, trabajó como carpintero en México y en una iglesia en Chino, Ca., antes de llegar a Alcalá Park en 1959.

Trabajo 12 años para la Universidad de Mujeres. "Recuerdo a las monjitas," nos dice sonriendo, "la madre Rosalie Hill, la sister Redmond, sister DeLeon, y sister Sarre."

El nativo de Baja California recuerda al obispo Buddy. "Bishop Buddy daba misa y hacía una fiesta para todos los empleados. Hablaba un poco de Español y platicaba con todos. Cada año tenía dos retiros espirituales para los trabajadores, uno antes de Navidad y otro antes del día de Pascuas."

El llamado Sr. Contreras dice que se quedó en USD por dos motivos, "mi trabajo, me gusta mucho lo que hago, y mis amigos." A lo mejor regreso de vez en cuando a trabajar después de mi jubilación, le comento Don Raul a su supervisor, Frank Orlando. Sus planes de jubilación incluyen regular su casa y viajar con su esposa de 40 años, Gertrudis. También pasara algún tiempo con sus 16 nietos. "Pero no mucho," ríe Don Raul, "Porque me destruyen mi casa."

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